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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : In Madras City, persons coming from the mufassal have necessarily to take their food in the hotels. Whether it is a big hotel or a small hotel, each and every article of food is adulterated. So far it seems that the Government have not at all taken action to check this evil. Will the Government come forward to check closely this food adulteration every week and every day not only in the City hotels but also in the mufassal hotels?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Measures are being taken to find out cases of food adulteration. Samples sent to the King Institute, Guindy, are very limited. We are proposing to open other public health laboratories.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : உணவு கலப்பட குற்றத்திற்காக சாதாரண வியாபாரிகள் தண்டிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். தாங்கள் கலப்படத்துக்கு ஜவாப்தாரியல்ல, உற்பத்தி ஸ்தானத்திலுள்ளவர்களை பிடிக்கவேண்டும் என்று அவர்கள் கூக்குரலிடுகிறார்கள். இப்பொழுது ஈரோடில் உற்பத்தி ஸ்தானத்தில் நபர்களை பிடித்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால் அவர்களை விடுதலை செய்யாது தண்டிக்கவேண்டிய நடவடிக்கைகளை அரசாங்கம் எடுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Some hon. Members want more severe punishment to be imposed while some others say that the offenders should be dealt with more leniently. I would request hon. Members to come to an agreement in this matter before they go to the Government.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, is there any difference between adultery and adulteration? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is a fundamental difference. The hon. Member will please consult experts on the subject.

Utilization of the Parambikulam River waters

* 233 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sent any communication to the Travancore-Cochin State during the year 1956 to discuss the utilization of the Parambikulam River waters; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This Government addressed the Government of Travancore-Cochin State in April 1956. That Government were informed that the Parambikulam Aliyar Reservoir Project proposed by this Government would not affect their existing schemes and they were requested to reconsider their decision and to accord permission for the necessary preliminary investigation of the scheme by the Madras Public Works Department Officers. As a preclude to such investigation, it was suggested to that Government that the Chief Engineers of both the States might meet and discuss the rights of the

respective Governments regarding the waters of Aliyar, Sholiyar and Parambikulam. The Travancore-Cochin Government agreed to the holding of a conference of the Chief Engineers of both the States subject to the condition that final decisions should be taken only at Government level. A conference of the Chief Engineers of both the States was held at Pollachi on the 6th and 7th July 1956. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation), Madras, submitted a note on the discussions. He reiterated that the schemes proposed by this Government would not affect the existing schemes of the Travancore-Cochin Government and suggested that the Travancore-Cochin Government might be addressed again and that the Planning Commission might also be apprised of the present position. The Government of Travancore-Cochin State and the Planning Commission have been addressed accordingly and their replies are awaited.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, the Parambikulam river is a very important one. Will the Government take special measures to approach the Central Government who are responsible for the Travancore-Cochin State administration and get their permission immediately?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : That is what we have been doing already. Their reply is awaited. Beyond this, we cannot do anything to act immediately unless we get the sanction from the Central Government immediately. We are taking all necessary steps expeditiously.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Sir, the question of the utilization of the Parambikulam waters for irrigation purposes in Madras State is a question which is of much concern to the people of Tamilnad as well as to the people of Kerala. There is popular concern about this in Kerala and editorials have appeared in several of the leading Malayalam dailies questioning the propriety of the Adviser to negotiate such an important matter at this juncture. In view of this, will the Government postpone further negotiations till the formation of a popular Ministry in Kerala State?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : We are not concerned with the Government at all. As I have already said, we have only placed the matter before the Planning Commission. They are the people to arbitrate, and they will know with whom they are dealing.

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, I think the Hon. Minister is aware of the entire situation. May I know from him what is the trend of the Travancore-Cochin Government and whether they are likely to agree to our request? May I know also what is the view held by the Planning Commission in this matter?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : We have made a representation to the Planning Commission, and they have given indications to the effect that the matter

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which the Madras Government have put forward is an entertainable one. Beyond this I am unable to give any other information.

Sri V. K. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER : பரம்பிகுளத் திட்டத்திலே ஒரு பாகம் ஆளியார் டாம். அது நமது பக்கத்தில் இருக்கிறது. அதை முதலிலே எடுத்துக்கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முயற்சி செய்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : அப்படித்தான் ஏற்பாடு செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது. சேர்த்துச் செய்வதற்கு அவர்கள் ஆட்சேபணை செய்தால் நம்முடைய பகுதியை மட்டுமாவது முதலில் செய்வதற்கு அனுமதி கோரியிருக்கிறோம்.

Sri K. G. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER : பரம்பிகுளத் திட்ட சம்பந்தமாக பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்கு மத்திய அரசாங்கத்துக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : இப்பொழுது நான் சொன்னதை கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கவனிக்கவில்லை போலிருக்கிறது.

Sri M. PALANIYANDI : பரம்பிகுளத் திட்டம் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டால் இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தின் கீழ் லட்சக்கணக்கான ஏகர்கள் பாயும் என்று கூறப்படுகிறது. நண்பர் ஸ்ரீ கோபாலகிருஷ்ணன் சொன்னது போல் இதை ஒத்திப்போடாமல் தமிழ் நாட்டிற்கே மிகவும் பயன்படக்கூடிய இந்தத் திட்டத்தை சீக்கிரத்திலேயே நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முயற்சி செய்யுமா ? திட்டம் எவ்வளவு ரூபாய்க்கு மதிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதையும் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன். 9-30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : கூடும் என்பதும் கூடாது என்பதும் நாம் சொல்லவேண்டியதில்லை. அது மத்திய சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியும்.

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM : சர்க்கார் ஆரம்பத்தில் செய்யப்பட்ட பரிசீலனைக்கும், தற்போது செய்யப்பட்ட பரிசீலனைக்கும் ஏதாவது வித்தியாசம் இருக்கிறதா? ஆரம்பத்தில் எவ்வளவு ஆறுகளை சேர்த்து செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? இப்பொழுது எவ்வளவு ஆறுகளை சேர்த்து செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இதைப்பற்றி ஏதாகிலும் பரிசீலனை செய்தார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : இப்படிப்பட்ட கேள்விகள் கேட்டால் உடனடியாக பதில் சொல்ல முடியாது. அதற்குத் தயாராகவும் இல்லை. பொதுவாகச் சொல்லுகிறேன். இதைப்பற்றி அதிகமாக விவாதம் செய்யாமலிருந்தால் நமது காரியங்கள் அனுகூலமாக இருக்கும் என்று தோன்றுகிறது.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Since the Hon. Minister bas made it entertainable to the Government of India, will he also relentlessly pursue the matter to make it acceptable?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : That is what we have been doing. We know that the scheme is very essential and will be helpful to us. But it should not be at the cost of the other Government. We have put forward our case very emphatically and certainly we will try to pursue it to the bitter end.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. Minister also consult the hon. Member how to make things acceptable and entertainable?

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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know why the Government are satisfied with the catchment area that belongs to our State? The Chief Engineer, it was pointed out, had stated after discussion that we propose to take water only from the catchment area that belongs to our State. Why should the other parts belonging to the other State be excluded? We are demanding the other parts also.

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : We are not demanding any other portion for the construction of the dam. One of the reservoirs might be coming up in their area. That is why consultations are going on. We have made it clear that it will be constructed without detriment to the riparian interests which they also enjoy under that river.

Sri V. C. PALANISAMY GOUNDAR : In the matter of extension of irrigation under this scheme will the Government take into consideration the question of giving irrigation facilities to the famine affected areas of Palladam and Dharapuram.

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : பசி வருவதற்கு முன்னாலேயே நெய் விலையைப்பற்றி கோருவது போல் இருக்கிறது அவர் கேட்கிற கேள்வி.

Grant for the Art Festival of Akila Malabar Kendra Kalasamithi, Kozhikode

* 234 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 3rd April 1956, from the Akila Malabar Kendra Kalasamithi, Kozhikode, requesting them to recommend to the Government of India, a grant of Rs. 5,000 for the Art Festival conducted by the Samithi; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The representation was forwarded to the Government of India.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether this Government has received any reply from the Government of India on this issue?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. We have since received the reply from the Government of India. They have expressed their inability to render assistance to the Kala Samithi as all these matters are being attended to by the Sangeeth Natak Academy. The Kala Samithi has now been asked to address the Academy with regard to this.